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1. SUMMARY: MAKARIOS' SPEECH CONTAINED NO SURPRISES; IT WAS BASICALLY A RESTATEMENT OF MAJOR THEMES -- THE STRUGGLE FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT WILL BE LONG; TURKEY AND THE TURK CYPRIOTS REMAIN INFLEXIBLE PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE "DARK FORCES" BEHIND THEM; EVENTUALLY THE GOC WILL TAKE RECOURSE TO THE UN AND/OR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. IN SPEECH, MAKARIOS ALSO DECLARED GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL GO TO VIENNA III BUT EXPECT NO RESULTS; FYE WILL ATTEND THE HELSINKI
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CSCE CONFERENCE; HE HOPES U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO WITH-

HOLD MILITARY "AID" TO TURKEY; LATEST TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS WRAP-UP TO WEEK'S "CELEBRATIONS" MARKING LAST YEAR'S COUP AND TURKISH INVASION, MAKARIOS ADDRESSED CROWD UN-OFFICIALLY ESTIMATED AT 30,000 ON SUNDAY JULY 20. ALTHOUGH LARGER THAN LAST MONDAY'S (REF A), CROWD WAS AGAIN APATHETIC; WE UNDERSTAND THAT LARGE NUMBER OF LISTENERS HAD BEEN BUSSED IN FROM OUTSIDE NICOSIA BY COMMUNIST PEO AND LYSSARIDES' EDEK. MANY NICOSIANS HAD DECAMPED FOR TROODOS MOUNTAINS TO ESCAPE HEAT AND POSSIBLE WEEKEND VIOLENCE. FOR ARCHBISHOP, IT WAS MEDIOCRE TURNOUT NUMERICALLY AND IN TERMS OF APPARENT ENTHUSIASM. AS IN MONDAY'S GATHERING, STRATEGICALLY-PLACED GROUP SHOUTED SLOGANS DURING SPEECH DAMNING NATO, CIA, AND FORMER GREEK JUNTA.

3. MAIN POINTS OF MAKARIOS' SPEECH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. VIENNA III AND INTERNATIONALIZATION: GOC WILL ATTEND, BUT "I VERY MUCH DOUBT WHETHER (THE TALKS) WILL EVENTUALLY BEAR FRUIT." IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS AT TALKS, NEXT STEP WILL BE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND "SUBSEQUENTLY" THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IN THIS REGARD, MAKARIOS STATED THAT "FOR MANY REASONS THE SOLUTION OF OUR PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BE SOUGHT OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED NATIONS" AND THAT "ACCEPTABLE TO US IS ALSO THE OFT-REPEATED PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM." SUCH A CONFERENCE HAS NOT MATERIALIZED BECAUSE OF "REFUSAL OF TURKEY, AND THOSE HIDING BEHIND IT."

B. LONG STRUGGLE: WITHOUT GIVING SPECIFICS "SINCE THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO REFER TO THIS MATTER", MAKARIOS SUGGESTED THAT "PARALLEL MOVES" TO UN ACTIVITY ARE OPEN TO THE CYPRIOTS (PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO HIS "LONG STRUGGLE" THEME). HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT "I SHALL NOT DWELL AT LENGTH ON THE PROSPECTS AND METHODIZATION OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THE SOLUTION OF OUR PROBLEM. I ONLY SAY THAT WE SHALL OMIT NOTHING AND WE SHALL DO EVERYTHING."

C. HELSINKI CSCE: IN AN ASIDE TO CHANT FROM CROWD, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAKARIOS AFFIRMED THAT HE INTENDS TO BE PRESENT AT HELSINKI.

D. U.S. AID TO TURKEY: IN HIS ONLY DIRECT REFERENCE TO SUG, MAKARIOS DECLARED THAT "INTERRUPTION OF MILITARY AID FROM THE USA WOULD BE ONE OF THE EFFECTIVE PRACTICAL MEASURES WHICH TURKEY WOULD FEEL AND TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION. I HOPE THAT THE WHITE HOUSE BREAKFAST POLICY WILL NOT HAVE AS A RESULT RESUMPTION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY."

E. "DARK FORCES": AS IN MONDAY'S SPEECH, MAKARIOS REFERRED TO "DARK FORCES" STANDING BEHIND EVENTS OF LAST YEAR AS WELL AS BEHIND CONTINUING EFFORTS AGAINST CYPRUS. HE STATED THAT "THERE ARE, UNFORTUNATELY, CRACKS ON OUR INTERNAL FRONT. RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRACKS ARE SOME UN-REPENTANT PUTSCHISTS AND DARK FORCES BEHIND THEM WHICH HAVE SILVER BAYONETS AND THROUGH THEIR HIRED TOOLS ARE PULLING THE STRING OF DISRUPTION." AT END OF SPEECH MAKARIOS DECLARED INTENTION TO CONTINUE STRUGGLE ALTHOUGH "I KNOW THAT DARK FORCES AND HIRED AGENTS DESIRE AND ARE AFTER MY PHYSICAL REMOVAL FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE BECAUSE THEY REGARD ME AS AN OBSTACLE TO THEIR SINISTER PLANS AGAINST CYPRUS."

F. TURK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS: IN REFERENCE TO DENKTASH'S PROPOSALS FOR A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (REF B), HE SAID THAT TURKEY IS ATTEMPTING TO "UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT" AND THAT DENKTASH'S PROPOSALS ARE CHARACTERIZED "BY AUDACITY AND IMPERTINENCE."
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